

in the third degree shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than twenty-one years, in the territorial penitentiary.

SEC. 5. It is the true intent of this act to repeal said sections 687, 688, 689, 695, 699, 700, 702 and 703, referred to in the first section of this act, only so far as the same apply to offenses committed after the passage of this act, but the said sections are to be held and remain in force and apply to all acts done and offenses committed prior to the passage of this act, and all pending prosecutions and those hereafter instituted for acts done prior to the passage of this act shall be commenced and carried on and punishment be had under the said sections 687, 688, 689, 695, 699, 700, 702 and 703, which said sections are hereby continued in force only for that purpose. Intent of repeal.

SEC. 6. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 24, 1887.

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## CHAPTER XXX.

### CRIMES-WEAPONS.

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AN ACT to prohibit the unlawful carrying and use of deadly weapons.

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*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of New Mexico:*

SECTION 1. That any person who shall hereafter carry a deadly weapon, either concealed or otherwise, on or about the settlements of this territory, except it be in his or her residence, or on his or her landed estate, and in the lawful defense of his or her person, family or property, the same being then and there threatened with danger, or except such carrying be done by legal authority, upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars, nor more than three hundred, or by imprisonment not less than sixty days, nor more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court or jury trying the same. Carrying any deadly weapon.

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Threatening any  
person.

SEC. 2. Any person who shall draw a deadly weapon on another, or who shall handle a deadly weapon in a threatening manner, at or towards another, in any part of this territory, except it be in the lawful defense of himself, his family or his property, or under legal authority, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment at hard labor in the county jail or territorial penitentiary not less than three months nor more than eighteen months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court or jury trying the same.

Assault with  
deadly weapon.

SEC. 3. Any person who shall unlawfully assault or strike at another with a deadly weapon, upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment at hard labor in the county jail or territorial penitentiary, not exceeding three years, in the discretion of the court or jury trying the same.

Flourishing  
deadly weapon.

SEC. 4. Any person who shall unlawfully draw, flourish or discharge a rifle, gun or pistol within the limits of any settlement in this territory, or within any saloon, store, public hall, dance hall or hotel, in this territory, except the same be done by lawful authority, or in the lawful defense of himself, his family or his property, upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for a term of not more than three years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court or jury trying the same. The word "settlement," as used in this act, shall be construed to mean any point within three hundred yards of any inhabited house, in the territory of New Mexico.

Insulting person  
while armed.

SEC. 5. Any person being armed with a deadly weapon, who shall, by words, or in any other manner, insult or assault another, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than three hundred dollars, or by imprisonment at hard labor in the county jail or territorial penitentiary for not less than three months, nor more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court or jury trying the same.

Jurisdiction of  
offenses.

SEC. 6. Justices of the peace, as well as the district courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction of all offenses committed under the first section of this act; but of offenses committed under the remaining sections hereof, justices of the peace shall not have jurisdiction except as committing magistrates, and it is made the duty of the justices of the peace of the several counties of the territory before whom any person is brought or arraigned for the violation of any

of the above sections, other than section one of this act, if reasonable grounds exist to believe such person guilty, to bind such person over in a good and sufficient bond to the district court of such county, and in default of such bond to commit to jail as in other felonies.

SEC. 7. It shall not be necessary, in the trial of any cause arising under the provisions of this act to prove that the person charged was not, at the time of violating the said provisions, in the lawful defense of himself, his family or property, or acting by lawful authority, but the accused must prove that he was, at such time, within the exception claimed.

What accused must prove.

SEC. 8. Deadly weapons, within the meaning of this act, shall be construed to mean all kinds and classes of pistols, whether the same be a revolver, repeater, derringer, or any kind or class of pistol or gun; any and all kinds of daggers, bowie knives, poniards, butcher knives, dirk knives, and all such weapons with which dangerous cuts can be given, or with which dangerous thrusts can be inflicted, including sword canes, and any kind of sharp pointed canes; as also slung shots, bludgeons or any other deadly weapons with which dangerous wounds can be inflicted.

Deadly weapon, definition of.

SEC. 9. Persons traveling may carry arms for their own protection while actually prosecuting their journey and may pass through settlements on their road without disarming; but if such travelers shall stop at any settlement for a longer time than fifteen minutes they shall remove all arms from their person or persons, and not resume the same until upon eve of departure.

Travelers may carry arms.

SEC. 10. Sheriffs and constables of the various counties, and marshals and police of cities and towns, in this territory, and their lawfully appointed deputies, may carry weapons, in the legal discharge of the duties of their respective offices, when the same may be necessary, but it shall be for the court or the jury to decide from the evidence whether such carrying of weapons was necessary or not, and for an improper carrying or using deadly weapons by an officer, he shall be punished as other persons are punished, for the violation of the preceding sections of this act.

Officers may carry arms when.

SEC. 11. Every keeper of hotel, boarding house, bar room, drinking saloon or place where liquor is sold, or dance hall, in this territory, shall keep conspicuously posted up a copy of this act, in both the English and Spanish languages, and it is hereby made the duty of every such keeper of a hotel, boarding house, bar room, drinking saloon or place where liquor is sold, or dance hall, or the person in charge of the same, who shall become cognizant of any violations

Duty of hotel and saloon keepers, &c.

of the provisions of this act, in, upon or about their premises, to immediately and at once direct the attention of such violator to the provisions of this act, and upon a failure of such keeper of a hotel, boarding house, bar room, drinking saloon, or place where liquor is sold, or dance hall, or the person in charge thereof, to so do, he or they shall be liable to pay a fine of not less than \$5, nor more than \$50.

**Duty of judges.**

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of the judges of the several district courts of this territory, at the charging of the grand jury of the several counties, to direct the attention of the said grand juries to the provisions of this act, and require that they make diligent inquiry as to any violation of the same.

**Duty of county commissioners.**

SEC. 13. The boards of county commissioners of the several counties of this territory are hereby directed and required to have printed in both English and Spanish a sufficient number of copies of this act for the use of and to be furnished to all persons applying for the same; and it is made the duty of the several sheriffs and collectors of said counties to furnish to each person with a license a copy of this act, in both English and Spanish.

SEC. 14. All fines and penalties accruing from the violation of the provisions of this act shall be paid into the county treasury of the county in which such violation occurs to the credit and for the benefit of the school fund of said county.

SEC. 15. This act shall have full force and effect from and after the first day of March, 1887.

Approved February 18, 1887.